

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

**Prior Group Art Unit: 2653**

**Yasuhito SOMA et al.**

**Prior Examiner: Paul W. Huber**

**Serial No.: Rule 1.53(b) Divisional  
of Serial No. 10/238,587  
filed September 11, 2002**

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**For: OPTICAL DISK APPARATUS**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**Sir:**

**Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend the application as follows:**